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SUBJECT: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

1. SULLIVAN TELEPHONED DEPOFF AFTER DISPATCH OF RESPONSE TO LUSAKA 659 TO ASK THAT WE ADVISE BALSON TO CONTACT MUSA-DUDIA LAW FIRM WITH VIEW TO ASCERTAINING WHAT, IF ANY, LEGAL RECOURSE AVAILABLE TO WCI IN SEEKING GRZ REIMBURSEMENT OF WCI EXPENDITURES DIRECTLY RELATED TO ZAMBEZI RIVER AREA FROM WHICH IT BEING MOVED.

2. DEPOFF INDICATED HE WILLING SEND MESSAGE BUT WONDERED IF SULLIVAN HAD CONSIDERED THAT APPROACH TO ATTORNIES MIGHT WELL BECOME KNOWN TO INTERESTED PARTIES WITHIN GRZ AND: (A) THUS JEOPARDIZE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENTIAL OR OTHER INTERVENTION MIGHT REVERSE EARLIER DECISION ON ZAMBEZI RIVER AREA;OR (B) MIGHT MAKE GRZ UNWILLING ARRANGE FOR TRANSFER OF WCI TO OTHER AREA WITHIN ZAMBIA WHICH WCI MIGHT FIND DESIRABLE. DEPOFF SUGGESTED THAT PRIOR TO SULLIVAN'S INSTRUCTING BALSEN TO SEEK LEGAL COUNSEL ITAN MIGHT BE USEFUL TO REQUEST EMBASSY'S OPINION. SULLIVAN AGREED BUT REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY DISCUSS MATTER WITH BALSON. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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